

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Swanson spent yesterday in Norfolk, where she went to arrange for the furnishing of the Virginia building at the Jamestown Exposition. Meeting at noon in Grace Church of Woman's Auxiliary to discuss the committee of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Elva Staples Lougee at Woman's Club in afternoon. St. John's Circle of King's Daughters met with Mrs. W. C. Hestonwood, of No. 210 East Grace Street.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of Reunion Committee at 11 A. M. in the home of Mrs. N. V. Randolph, No. 611 East Franklin Street. Masonic Home Auxiliary to meet at 11 A. M. in Masonic Temple. Mrs. F. C. Macaulay, of Louisville, to lecture for the benefit of the building fund of the Church of the Covenant at Woman's Club, 430 o'clock P. M.

Mrs. Swanson in Norfolk.

Mrs. Claude A. Swanson spent yesterday in Norfolk and at the Exposition Grounds. She went to inspect the Virginia building and decide on what interior furnishings would be appropriate and desirable, and what might prove necessary in the way of chairs and benches for the piazas.

Mrs. Swanson has had offers from several antiques establishments, but has not yet decided as to where her choice will fall in the selection of furniture or of individuals.

She has excellent taste and judgment, and the prediction can safely be made that the State building, when complete, will lack nothing to render it thoroughly finished and harmonious throughout.

With Mrs. Swanson as hostess, and Mrs. Lucy Preston Beale and other assistants, the building will more than sustain the long-established prestige of the Old Dominion for graceful and cordial hospitality.

Will Go South.

Mrs. J. Cassell Cabell and Mrs. John Enders will leave for Charleston, S. C., on Wednesday morning, and will go from Charleston to Palm Beach, Fla., for a two-weeks' stay before returning. Mrs. Cabell's sister, Mrs. Connor, has her home in Charleston, and the trip, prospectively, is a most delightful one for both ladies.

Elegant Luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith and Mrs. Thorne, who are guests at Jefferson Hotel, entertained at a beautiful luncheon on Wednesday last. Those present were: Mr. George Hart, of Norfolk, who is also registered at the Jefferson; Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Hanover county, and Mrs. John Smith, of Richmond.

Approaching Marriage.

The Peninsula Enterprise, published at Accomac Courthouse, Va., has the following interesting announcement in its latest issue: "The Enterprise says: 'Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Emmaline Corcoran to Mr. Lacey Grimes Ross, of Richmond, Wednesday morning, February 20th, at 11 o'clock, at the Baptist Church, Parkway, Va.'"

At the Every-Monday Club.

The Every-Monday Club held a meeting of more than usual interest at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Gaines, on Lombardy Street. After the preliminary business session and a brief discussion of topics of the day, the club held the pleasure of the evening was a distinguished guest who is now visiting Richmond, Mrs. F. C. Macaulay, of Louisville, Ky., author of "The Lady of the Decoration."

Mrs. Macaulay was introduced to the club by the president, Mrs. C. Gardner, at whose request the visitor favored the members with a most charming account of some recent experiences in Japan, where she has spent several years. Mrs. Macaulay talks as entertainingly as she writes, and the ladies of the club showed their interest by accepting with eagerness her invitation to ask questions. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, and the informal discussion was continued over the refreshments. The members dispersed with the feeling that they had spent a most delightful afternoon.

Interesting Lecture.

A very pleasant event of the week will be the lecture entitled "Bits of Japan," to be delivered in Woman's Club this afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, by Mrs. F. C. Macaulay, of Louisville, Ky. The lecture will be for the benefit of the Church of the Covenant, and is in charge of several prominent ladies of that church.

Series of Teas.

The board of the Rosemary Library will give a series of silver teas throughout Lent. Thursday afternoon of each week, from 5 to 7 o'clock, will witness the gathering of friends of the library to drink tea and enjoy a social hour, and the series promises to be a particularly pleasant Lenten diversion. The money raised in this way will be used to buy new books of fiction and reference for the library. The board hopes in this way to be able to provide all new books for the enjoyment of the patrons.

Mrs. Lougee at Woman's Club.

A particularly delightful afternoon was spent by those who attended the lecture and reception at the Woman's Club yesterday, when Mrs. Elva Staples Lougee read a very instructive paper on "Goethe." The lecturer gave a sketch of the German poet's life and a review of his greatest works. She noted that, while Goethe himself considered "Hermann and Dorothea" his most complete work, the world had turned the scale in favor of "Faust" as the noblest expression of the man's genius.

The lecture was followed by several beautiful selections from the opera "Faust" by Miss Annie Louise Reinhardt and Miss Myrtle Bedford. At the request of the audience, the two musicians continued playing for some time. A number of strangers were present. Guests of the afternoon were: Miss Mary

Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 1088.

Bright Is the Ring of Words

By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Bright is the ring of words
When the right man rings them;
Fair the fall of songs
When the singer sings them.
Still they are carolled and said—
On wings they are carried—
After the singer is dead
And the maker buried.

Low as the singer lies
In the fields of heather,
Songs of his fashion bring
The swains together.
And when the west is red
With sunset embers,
The lover lingers and sings,
And the maid remembers.

This series began in The Times-Dipatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Greenhow, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Dora Reinhardt.

Committee Meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary hospitality committee of the Episcopal Church met yesterday at noon in Grace Church Sunday school room.

Ladies present were: Mrs. E. V. Valentine, Miss Peterkin, Mrs. W. A. Powers, Mrs. Goodenow, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. Robert Fisher, Miss Munford, Mrs. John Farland, Mrs. Preston Cooke, Mrs. Alice Fitz, Miss Hancock, Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. R. C. Carter, Mrs. G. W. Epps, Miss Hope Stewart, Mrs. William McDaniel, Mrs. Dabney, Mrs. Charles Potts, Mrs. Charles Bolling, Mrs. F. T. B. J. Kin, Mrs. John Kelley, Miss Alice Leigh, Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Stutz.

The committee is composed of about forty ladies, four from each Episcopal Church in town; and has in charge all arrangements for entertaining a delegation of 500 members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Episcopal Church in the United States, who will meet in convention at Richmond, October 24. The committee asks that all who may have board or lodging at that time will send their names to Mrs. Edward V. Valentine, No. 109 North Sixth Street. A number of names were reported to the committee yesterday.

Colonial Tea.

Circle No. 2, Ladies' Building Fund Association of the Second Baptist Church, will give a colonial tea Friday afternoon and evening, from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock, at No. 614 West Church Street.

Refreshments will be served by young ladies in colonial costume.

Mrs. Purcell Honored.

Mrs. Benjamin L. Purcell, regent of Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of this city, and chairman of the Jamestown Exposition committee of the National Congress, D. A. R., addressed the Betty Washington Lewis Chapter in Fredericksburg on Thursday last in the interest of the Jamestown exhibit to be made by the Daughters.

Mrs. Purcell was later entertained at luncheon given by Mrs. John T. Goodrick. Those invited to meet her were Mrs. D. D. Wheeler, Mrs. John E. Mason, Mrs. J. B. Picklen and Miss Sallie Lacy.

A Lynchburg Composer.

Among the recent productions called forth by the Jamestown Exposition is a musical gem of unusual merit, entitled "The Jamestown Grand March," composed by Miss Nannie L. Dinwiddie, of Lynchburg, Va. Miss Dinwiddie is a descendant of Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, and is a niece of Professor James Dinwiddie, of Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C. The march has created a favorable impression on those who have heard it, and its theme has been interpreted by Mr. R. Palmer Hunter.

The first strain is the chorus of an Indian war song. The music gradually leads up to the chorus, which is a wild triumphant war song by the Indians, who have witnessed the scene.

Confederate Choir Organized.

A Confederate choir, recently organized in Norfolk, and composed of representatives from the several Confederate organizations of that city, held its first business meeting Saturday afternoon in Christ Church parish-house.

The following officers were elected. Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams, captain; Miss Beagle Marden, first lieutenant; Miss Teresa Martin, second lieutenant; Miss Alice Old, quartermaster; Miss Florence Smith, adjutant, and Judge James Keeling, treasurer.

The choir will lead the singing at all celebrations of a Confederate character.

Personal Mention.

Miss Margaret Walstrum is spending some time in Roanoke, where she is being pleasantly entertained by her many friends.

Miss Lina Shields has returned from a visit to Miss Bayliss Taylor at the Lorraine, Norfolk.

Mrs. Conway Gordon has returned from a visit to Mrs. A. C. Wightman, in Ashland.

Miss Marie Brown was among the guests at a card party given Friday evening by Miss Mary Lee Spindle.

Miss Alice Franco is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Schofield, in Main Street, Danville.

Mrs. Oscar Reller has returned from a visit to friends in Staunton.

Dr. William H. Ribble, Jr., and Mr. N. E. Rhudy have returned to Wytheville, after spending several days here.

Mrs. J. Falk has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Maurice J. Falk, in No. 134 Twenty-sixth Street, Newport News.

Miss Ella Coleman has returned to her home in Mineral, Va., after spending some time in this city.

Mrs. Walter E. Addison, of Lynchburg, is visiting friends here.

Miss Lulu Humbley and Miss Kate Mathews are the guests of Mrs. H. A. Elliott, in Ashland.

Mrs. John S. Draper has returned to her home in Pulaski, Va., after spending some time in Lynchburg and Richmond.

Mr. W. H. Ryland, editor of the South-

side Sentinel, published at Urbanna, Va., was in the city yesterday.

Miss Alice Stone, of Taylorsville, Va., visited relatives in Richmond last week.

Miss Elsie Kinstry has returned from a visit to Mrs. P. Tolin, in Huntington Avenue, Newport News.

Mrs. L. B. Morris left for New York last week, to remain for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stannard were guests at Hotel Beverly, Staunton, Va., on Saturday last.

Miss Mattie Bates, of Cape Charles, Va., who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Walton, in Ashland, is spending a week with friends here before leaving for her home.

Miss Anne Rutherford, who has been the guest of Miss Mary Newton Williams, left yesterday for her home in Baltimore.

Miss Grace Davidson has returned from a visit to relatives in Newport News.

The Lynchburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, has appropriated \$30 to the Jamestown building fund.

Mrs. Andrew Gray Weekes and Miss Weeks, who have been the guests of Mrs. W. H. Davidson, returned to their home in Boston. Miss Elizabeth Davenport accompanied them and will be their guest for several weeks.

Mrs. Warner Grammar, of Waverly, Va., is undergoing treatment at the hospital here.

Mrs. Thomas Baker has returned to her home in Taylorsville, Va., after spending several days here.

Mr. Walter E. Allen has returned to his home in Bristol, after spending a few days here.

Miss Annie Boxley is a guest of Mrs. I. N. Vaughan at Henry Clay Inn, Ashland.

Mr. Garrett Gooch, of Roanoke, is spending a short time here.

Miss Blanche Crush is visiting friends in Fincastle, Va.

Mrs. Thomas F. Cowherd has returned to her home in Clifton Forge, after a visit to Richmond.

Mr. Wade Taylor, of Radford, attended the Grand Lodge of Masons last week as a representative from Gloucester Lodge. His wife accompanied him as far as Roanoke, where she visited friends during his absence.

Miss D. Collins, of Albemarle county, was the recent guest at the home of Mrs. J. R. Bailey, of this vicinity.

Miss Bessie Martin, of this city, was the guest of Mrs. J. R. Bailey, of this vicinity.

Miss Willie McGuire, of Winchester, who was recently the guest of Mrs. Hunter McGuire, in this city, has gone to Baltimore, where she is a student at the Peabody Conservatory.

Miss Florence Trevilian has returned to her home in Ashland, after a visit to friends here.

Mr. D. Clay Talbott is spending a few days in Roanoke.

Mr. C. C. McNell, of Richmond, was recently registered at the Blackburg Inn, Blacksburg, Va.

Mrs. J. T. Bailey spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lucy Fugh, in Clifton Forge.

Miss Mary Baird, of West Virginia, is spending a week in this city. She will visit friends in Hillsville, Va., before returning home.

Mr. John Guild has returned to his home in Mineral, Va., after spending several days here.

Mrs. S. D. Bowman, who has been undergoing treatment at St. Luke's Hospital, has returned to her home, near Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. E. L. Johnson, of Mineral, Va., has accepted a good position here, and will make Richmond his future home.

Mr. J. B. Woody, of Mineral, Va., spent last week in Richmond.

Captain E. F. Gill, of Radford, spent several days in Richmond last week.

Messrs. H. L. Lang, W. B. McChesney, W. A. Willis and J. R. Kemper have returned to Staunton, after attending the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting here.

Mrs. L. J. Taylor is able to be out again after a severe spell of the grip, which lasted several weeks.

Miss Nora Ferrish, of Blacksburg, Albemarle county, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. V. Bailey, of Chelsea Hill.

Mrs. Mamie Carter is somewhat improved after a lingering illness of three months with fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosley, of Manchester, were recently guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ida Breckinridge, of Wood Street.

Master Robert Jenkins, who was thrown with pneumonia several weeks ago, is very much improved.

Mr. William Wickers, of Bowling

Appropriate

Wedding Gifts

in Sterling Silver, Cut Glass, Silver Deposit Ware.

The problem of judicious gift selection becomes easy at this store, where the standard of the time and best is always maintained. We have just added an interesting number of Novelties in Silver and Cut Glass—whimsical and not only handsome and useful, but extremely reasonable in price.

It is a pleasure to show our goods, and a visit here will help you in the art of proper gift making.

Schwarzschil Bros., Jewelers, Broad and Second Streets.

Green Road, who was so badly hurt while at work at the American Locomotive Works in Norfolk, is now able to resume his duties there again.

Mrs. Julian Winters, of Bowling Green Road, was recently the guest of her parents on the Mechanicsville Turnpike.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tolby entertained a number of their friends Monday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Ethel Tolby. Music and various party games resorted to while away the time, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. At a late hour the young people were ushered into the dining rooms, where a lovely table was spread with all the delicacies of the season.

Among those present were: Mamie Clara Winston, Bertha Clayton, Irene Farmer, Lucy Marks, Grace Martin, Julia Johnson, Lella Edwards, Bessie Bader, Edward Jackson, John Palmer, Arthur Moore, Willie Wheat, Andrew Minor, Harry Pate, Percy Farmer, Linwood Jackson, Floyd Allison, Clifford Carter, William Robertson, Robert Lowe, Marvin Melton; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tanner, Mrs. L. E. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. George Toney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Toney, of Fulton Hill, was recently the guest of Miss Susie White, of this vicinity.

Miss Carrie Fields, of Hanover county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Young, of this vicinity.

Mr. Eddie Kirby has returned to his home in Lexington, Ky., after a stay of two weeks with friends and relatives here.

Mr. John Carver has returned to his home here after spending several days with friends in Ashland.

Mrs. D. L. Temple was recently the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Perkins, of Madox, Hill.

Miss Anna and Lona Sneed are visiting their friends, the Misses Cullies, of Chelsea Hill.

Mr. George Tuck is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Pierce, of Chelsea Hill.

A merry crowd of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of the Pike, several evenings ago in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Miss Myrtle. It being quite a surprise to her, having known nothing about it, she was very much surprised at her home.

The evening was very pleasantly spent in parlor games and music by the graphophone, after which refreshments were served.

Among those present were: Misses Lottie and Mamie Richards, Bertha Carter, Louise Smith, Lily Granger, Bessie Bader, Nellie Osterberg, Lucy Ellis, Mary Granger, Kennedy Carter, Mabel Prosser, Bettie Kennedy, Estelle Monroe, Clara Adams, Edna Smith, Jack Cox, Rosa Ellis, Mary Comer, Messrs. Lee Roy Barber, Percy Fox, Willie Johnson, Robert Bailey, Harry Loman, John Cox, Raymond Edmore, Russell Robertson, David Carter, Bennie Sneed, Albert Marshall, Eddie Comer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Laura Lauterback has returned to her home in Chelsea after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Emmet Slaughter, of Chelsea Hill.

Mr. C. Mahan has been here seriously ill at the home of his mother here for the past two months, is somewhat improved.

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THE PEOPLE AND THE RAILROADS

Their Interests So Closely Intertwined They Should Always Be Friends.

SO SAYS PRESIDENT FINLEY

Hurrying Cars by Telegraph Service—Other Railway News and Notes.

Recently the representatives of the freight and passenger departments of the Southern Railway were brought together in Atlanta for conference, and were addressed by Mr. W. W. Finley, the new president of the road. The following extracts from the president's address may be regarded as the texts about which the public as well as to the men to whom it was addressed. Among other things, Mr. Finley said: "Your duties are of a twofold nature. You owe duties to the railway company by which you are employed, and you owe duties to the public. These double duties do not in any way conflict or divided allegiance, for he serves the railway best who serves the public best."

"The general officers of a railway have, unfortunately, too few opportunities for meeting and talking with the people who are dependent upon the road for transportation services. The man having business relations with the road, as a rule, comes into personal contact with the local representatives of the traffic and operating departments. The policies of the railway are formulated and adapted to the general officers, but the application of these policies to specific transactions must be entrusted in the main to men in the field. It follows, then, that you have in a substantial sense the reputation of the Southern Railway Company for fair and just dealing in your hands."

"Whether the company will be popular or unpopular depends in very large measure upon your attitude toward the public and upon your treatment of those doing business with the road. It is of supreme importance, therefore, that you, who daily come into intimate personal contact with the public, should bear in mind constantly that it is the unvarying policy of the company to be just and fair to all alike—to the small shipper and the occasional traveler, as well as to the large shipper and the regular traveler; that you should be perfectly frank in all business dealings; that you should be considerate and patient, and that you should do all in your power to make the services of the road satisfactory to those for whom they are performed."

"All phases of the public should be treated with consideration and be given every possible and reasonable accommodation. Even the man who makes impossible or unreasonable demands should not be dismissed with a curt refusal. He may not know what he asks is either impossible or unreasonable, and a few words of frank explanation pointing out to him why his wishes cannot be complied with may send him away a friend of the road instead of a fault-finder."

"As representatives of the Southern Railway Company you should bear in mind at all times the basic fact that the interests of the railway and of those of the industry, of the freight and passenger departments are inseparably interwoven. The railway can prosper only as a result of the prosperity of communities by which the demand for transportation is increased, and the prosperity of the South can continue and can be brought to the highest possible level only through adequate and efficient transportation facilities. At the present time, when every effort is being made to supply additional facilities and more efficient services, nothing is more important than that the truth of this proposition should be realized by men in all lines of business. When once this identity of interests is thoroughly understood, the roads of the South and the people will be brought together in more harmonious co-operation for the development of the natural resources of the South and for the expansion of all lines of industry. To the freight and passenger departments are in a position to do much to bring about this mutual good understanding and this harmonious co-operation for the development of the natural resources of the South and for the expansion of all lines of industry. To the freight and passenger departments are in a position to do much to bring about this mutual good understanding and this harmonious co-operation for the development of the natural resources of the South and for the expansion of all lines of industry."

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